

HOUSE ADOPTS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION BILL FEDERAL RETAIL STORES CUT COST OF LIVING SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTES 7-CENT LEVY

GOVERNMENT PLANS CLOTHING SALES IN SEVERAL BIG CITIES

Consider Laws to Punish
Hoarders and Profiteer-
ing Dealers.

TO INVESTIGATE STOCKS
AND GIVE PUBLIC FACTS

Socks, Underwear, Shirts and
Tobacco Will Be Sold to
People.

PREPARING PRICE LISTS

These Will Be Furnished to All
Post-Offices for Convenience of
General Public.

(By Associated Press.)—Further
steps to bring down soaring prices
were taken today by the government.
The War Department is announcing plans
for opening retail stores in a number
of cities, through which surplus house-
hold commodities and clothing will be
made available to consumers through-
out the country.

Meantime congressional committees
continued consideration of legislation
designed to reduce the high cost of
living. This included amendments to
the food control act and a bill to
prevent hoarding and profiteering.
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Price Lists at Post-Offices

These will be prepared, and
these will be the convenience of the public.
While no announcement has yet
been made, it is expected that the
prices, like those on the foodstuffs now
being disposed of, will be considerably
lower than those on the market.

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the fourteen zone supply centers, and
it is expected that in those sections
of the country where the prices are
enormously high, the government will
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In considering legislation for regulat-
ing cold storage, the House Agri-
culture Committee heard several testi-
monies. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, formerly
chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, told
the committee that cold storage should
not be uniform, but should be based
on the food stored. Fish and
meats should not be stored without
material deterioration, while
meats and other foods were improved
by storage.

Discusses Fruit Situation.

R. S. French, representing the Inter-
national Apple Shippers' Association,
told the committee that the limit of
twelve months for storage of
foodstuffs, said production would be
lost if fruit was not returned to the
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GARY DECLINES TO MEET COMMITTEE OF WORKERS

Directs That Any Request Submitted
in Writing Would Receive Attention
of Steel Corporation.

(By Universal Service.)

NEW YORK, August 26.—Judge E.
H. Gary, chairman of the United States
Steel Corporation, declined today to
receive a labor committee which asked
for a conference at his office. Judge
Gary refused to grant a personal in-
terview, but said any request sub-
mitted in writing would receive the at-
tention of the corporation's officers,
and they would decide what answer
should be made, if any.

The committee was composed of
John Fitzpatrick, chairman; William
H. Hannon, of the executive board of
the International Association of Ma-
chinists; W. J. Davis, assistant presi-
dent of the Amalgamated Iron, Steel
and Tin Workers; and W. Foster.

INDIAN MAN NAMED

WASHINGTON, August 26.—James
R. Riggs, of Sullivan, Ind., was nomi-
nated today by the President to be
assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

Gompers' Return Forced By Acute Labor Conditions

NEW YORK, August 26.—The
alarms of industrial situation in the
United States caused Samuel Gompers,
president of the American Federa-
tion of Labor, who arrived here today,
to return to his country at once.
"I'll frankly admit," he said this
afternoon, "that I received dis-
patches from Washington which, in
my judgment, required that I re-
turn immediately."

He did not come home to interfere
with the program of labor. I came
home to help. If the employers
have not learned that the time is
past when they are to be feared, the
men of all their survey, this may be
a good time to teach them a lesson.
Surely the men and women workers
have a right to a voice as to the terms
under which they will go to work."

MILITIAMEN ON GUARD IN CHARLOTTE STRIKE

Post-Mortem Examinations Are Held
Over Bodies of Three Riot
Victims.

Twelve Others in Hospital

Fearing More Trouble, Mayor Denies
Request of Traction Officials to
Make Another Attempt to Operate
Street Cars.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., August 26.—With
200 militiamen and 200 armed citizens
on guard duty, quiet prevailed in
Charlotte tonight. Post-mortem ex-
aminations were held this afternoon
over the bodies of the three men killed
in last night's riots, a special coroner
having been appointed for this duty.
Investigations of their deaths and
under direction of Special Coroner
Cobb will be continued tomorrow. He
said the inquests will be held Thurs-
day.

The death of J. D. Aldred tonight
brought the toll of lives lost in last
night's shooting at the car barns of
the Southern Public Utilities Company
to four.

Twelve of the thirteen men wounded
in the riots at the car barns are pa-
tients at the hospital. The thirteenth,
three of them perhaps fatally wound-
ed, are being treated at the city hospi-
tal.

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throughout the day influenced Mayor
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an attempt to resume street car ser-
vice, though the Charlotte Auto-
mobile Traction Company announced
their willingness to start the cars
again this morning.

Several civic and commercial organi-
zations today adopted resolutions
calling upon the city officials to re-
store order and the Charlotte Auto-
mobile Trade Association declared that
resumption of the car service is essen-
tial to the city.

No statement was forthcoming to-
night from Mayor McNinch, who has
remained at his office since the attack
on the car-barn guards.

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C. H. DEETROW SLAIN AND MERRITT BABER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Family Troubles Alleged to
Have Caused Double Tragedy
in Louisa County.

LOUISA, August 26.—C. H. Deetrow
was shot and instantly killed early
this morning at the home of his
mother-in-law, four miles north of
here, and Merritt Baber, a brother-in-
law, shot and killed himself shortly
afterward. The chain of events which
led to the double tragedy was rapidly
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NEW YORK POLICEMEN ASK ANNUAL SALARY OF \$2,000

Patrolmen's Benevolent Association Needs
No Other Affiliation to Secure
Rights, Says Chief.

(By Universal Service.)

NEW YORK, August 26.—A salary of
\$2,000 for policemen was asked for
in a resolution adopted today at a
meeting attended by 1,800 members of
the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association,
which exceeds by \$200 the amount
leaders of the organization had origi-
nally decided to ask.

The Patrolmen's Benevolent Association
needs no affiliation with any labor
union, it was declared by President
Moran, who today silenced an attempt
by some of the members to put through
a resolution looking to such affiliation.
The association has a membership of
9,982, and is in effect a union in itself,
entirely able to handle any betterment
problems which arise, President Moran
declared.

Snow Falls in New York State.

JORNELL, N. Y., August 26.—Al-
though the sun was shining, snow fell
for five minutes today, melting as
rapidly as it struck the ground.

ASSEMBLY HEARS DE VALERA'S PLEA

Distinguished Irish Visitor Given
Opportunity to Tell His
Story at Capitol.

SPEAKS AT CITY AUDITORIUM
Receives Cordial Greeting From
Friends of Erin.

Emmon de Valera, foremost exponent
of a republican Ireland, pleaded his
cause yesterday before the oldest rep-
resentative lawmaking body in the
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Just a few yards in front of the
angular stone of Erin stood the exact
image of George Washington, either
of the country before which Ireland
lays her claims and the greatest leader
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The building in which the Irish
orator spoke was planned by Thomas
Jefferson, whose Declaration of Inde-
pendence was the building's thought
upon which the Irish orator spoke.

As he came in the hall the figure
of Patrick Henry, whose fiery eloquence
in a little church in 1775 led to the
of the Capitol called the colonists to
for freedom, looked down on him
from a pedestal set behind the eque-
stralian statue of Washington.

Virginia Assembly Listens.

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RAILWAY SHOPMEN VOTE ON PROPOSAL

Resort to Ballot to Determine
Whether to Strike or
Accept Offer.

WILL CONSIDER DEMANDS
Director-General Hines Orders
Prompt Action of Requests /
Made.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Railroad
shopmen throughout the United States
will begin voting immediately on
whether they will accept the wage
appeals made yesterday by President
Wilson and Director-General Hines or
go out on strike to enforce their de-
mands for a general advance in pay.

On the outcome of the balloting
hinge industrial peace on the govern-
ment-controlled railroads. If the 500-
000 shopmen decide to accede to Presi-
dent Wilson's decision that there shall
be no general wage advances until
the government shows what can be
done to control the rising cost of liv-
ing, sufficient time will be made
change in the price level probably will
elapse before other unions press their
demands for more money.

What action the government may be
expected to take in the event of a
vote by the shopmen to strike for an
immediate increase in wages which
resident Wilson has said would have
a disastrous effect on efforts to bring
down prices has not been disclosed.
If indeed it has been considered.

To Consider Demands Filled.

Indicative of the determination of
Director-General Hines and the rail-
road administration to deal fairly with
all classes of employees, the director
general today instructed the board of
railway wages to consider promptly
the demands that might be made and
to report recommendations for correct-
ing any inequalities found to exist.

The taking of a strike vote ordinari-
ly requires about three weeks. In
present instance, however, it is be-
lieved the vote may be completed
earlier, as instructions were given by
the international officers to the unions
to elect delegates to the strike vote
and to telegraph the result of the bal-
loting.

Turn Down Hines Proposal.

Announcing that they had refused
the proposal of Director-General Hines,
the committee of 100 representing the
shopmen made public a letter sent to
him yesterday by the committee. The
committee voted for a strike for
several hours today, debate becoming
radical of the members demanding
a strike to compel more money. In
the letter, however, was seen a sugges-
tion that the committee would be
inclined to give the government a chance
to make good in the campaign against
inflation.

Asking "very serious consideration"
of the question, the committee told
the director-general that any additional
general increase in wages would be
virtually all of whom have made
made up of the entire 2,000,000 rail-
road employees. Strike benefits, it was
said, would be paid beyond the limit
of funds now available.

PRESIDENT TO LEAVE FOR WEST COAST ON SPEAKING TOUR SOON

Announcement as to Swing
Around Circle Looked For
in Day or Two.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, August 26.—Presi-
dent Wilson's proposed trip to the
Pacific Coast in the interest of the
peace treaty is being discussed today.
It has been in the past few weeks
in the view of administration officials.
As the President is expected to leave
for the West Coast in the near future,
the first division in Washington as
the case may be, and going before the
President today that he would con-
sider the speech-making tour of
more importance.

Secretary Tamm was expected to-
night or tomorrow to discuss with
the President the possibility of making
"the swing around the circle," making
the expense of being unable to greet
general visitors or to review the
First Division.

It is considered probable that the
President will decide to leave Wash-
ington in time to review the Pacific
Fleet at San Francisco the middle of
September. The date of the fleet's
review has been postponed to coincide
with the President's arrival in the
Pacific Coast.

FIFTY ARRESTED IN RAID ON HOTELS AND SALOONS

Federal Agents Swoop Down on Those
Charged With Violating New
York Dry Law.

(By Universal Service.)

NEW YORK, August 26.—Proprie-
tors and bartenders of uptown hotels
and saloons alleged to have been sell-
ing intoxicating liquors in defiance
of the prohibition act received a shock
tonight when Federal agents armed
with fifty warrants swooped down
upon them and made arrests. Federal
Commissioner Hitchcock remained late
last night in the city, making in-
quiries into the alleged violations.
The charges ranged all the way from
the selling of wine to dispensing
whisky. A number of saloonkeepers,
leaving that warrants had been issued
for their arrest, surrendered voluntar-
ily.

It was alleged that at many hotels
and saloons no identification was re-
quired before liquors were sold, so
open was the disregard of the law.

MEASURE PASSES LOWER BRANCH BY COUNT OF 74 TO 7

Amended to Give Citizens
Appeal From Commis-
sioner's Decisions.

MAIN FIGHT OF YESTERDAY
HINGED ON THIS FEATURE

Maximum Salary to Head of De-
partment Is Fixed at \$5,000
a Year.

FINISH MUCH OF THEIR WORK
Delegates Complete Two Larger En-
actments Proposed for Special
Session's Consideration.

Passage by the House of the meas-
ure creating the State Highway Com-
mission, and defining its duties and
powers, marked yesterday a distinct
stride forward toward the completion
of the bill. The bill, which was
necessary to put in motion machinery
for an ambitious road-building pro-
gram in Virginia.

The bill received the approval of the
House by a vote of 74 to 7, the mem-
bers who voted against it being Dele-
gates Catlett, Davis, Gordon, Hall, W.
C. Stuart, Ozlin and Noland. Though
it was the subject of a lively debate,
lasting practically all day it was
changed in few essential details from
the form in which it came from the
hands of a special subcommittee.

Citizens May Be Heard.

Perhaps the most important amend-
ment adopted to the bill was the one
offered by Delegate Channing W. Hall,
which gave citizens the right to be
heard by the commission before giving
its approval to any apportionment of
funds by the highway commission from
the State treasury. The amendment
provided that citizens who so desire may
be heard upon the question.

The bill also provided for the in-
sistent demand of many members of
the Legislature that there be vested
in the commission the power to hear
taxpayers and creditors on appeal
from the action of the commissioner.
Under the original provision, the com-
missioner appointed the funds, sub-
ject only to the approval of the legis-
lature. A hearing for those affected
by the apportionment was not provided
for.

Maximum Salary \$5,000.

Another amendment, offered by Dele-
gate Gordon and adopted by the
House, set down the maximum salary
which the commission may provide for
the highway commissioner from \$7,500
to \$5,000, and the maximum salary for
the highway engineer from \$3,000 to
\$2,500. The minimum, under the old
law, was \$5,000.

The measure passed the House,
it provides, in short, this:

1. That the Governor appoint for a
term of six years a State highway
commissioner, a civil engineer by
profession. This appointment is sub-
ject to approval by the Senate, and
the Governor also will be subject to
the approval of the Legislature.

2. That the chief executive also
name and appoint five men, drawn
from among the citizens of the State,
as nearly as possible representing the
geographical subdivisions of the
State, and whose appointments shall
be approved by the Senate.

As to Selecting Routes.

3. In the matter of selecting routes
for State highways between any given
points in the State system, the com-
missioner is given the right to select
to act, provided, however, that if there
is a contest, the matter shall be laid
before the commission as an appeal.

4. The commissioner is given final
power to select the type of construc-
tion to be used on any highway in the
State, the plan to be taken by the
being that this is a technical matter
and could not be subject to the de-
cision of any body of citizens not
probably trained.

Fight Centers on Gordon Amendment.

The fight in House waged yesterday
principally around an amendment
offered by Delegate Gordon, who favor-
ed the giving of the maximum salary
from all actions of the commis-
sioner. He declared that a public ser-
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Says Americans Eat Poison Every Day

(By Universal Service.)

WASHINGTON, August 26.—"The
American people eat poison every
day," Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former
pure food expert of the Department
of Agriculture, told the House Com-
mittee today.

This poison, he said, is contained
in white flour, bread which is the
mainstay of the people in this coun-
try, at almost every meal. He urged
that other kinds of bread should be
eaten more frequently if good
health is to be retained.

"The highly milled white flour we
eat today is poisonous," Dr. Wiley
declared, "and the only reason it
does not produce disastrous effects
is that the other food in the system
with it. Whole wheat flour is much
more beneficial, as is rye bread."
Twenty percent of our young men
were food not only in proper con-
dition for military service, and a
large majority of this can be at-
tributed to eating the white milled
wheat, sugar and candy."

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High Cost of Living Has Hit
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Representative Taylor, of Colorado,
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Edward T. Taylor, Representative in
Congress from Colorado and member
of the national Democratic congress-
ional committee, will address today
at the noon hour a joint session of the
Democratic members of the General
Assembly, in the interest of the sur-
frage amendment to the Federal Con-
stitution.

Mr. Taylor was to have delivered
his address last night in the hall of
the House of Delegates, but two com-
mittee meetings and the De Valera
meeting at the City Auditorium kept
away from the hall so many of the
members that it was decided to post-
pone the address.

Many of the women who have been
working here since the Legislature
convened in the interest of the amend-
ment were on hand last night to wel-
come Mr. Taylor and his efforts in
their behalf.

Duke of Richmond Dead

ARCHANGEL, August 26.—Lord Set-
trington, son of the Earl of March, and
a search had been made for him. As
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\$29,555.

JOINT CAUCUS TO HEAR SUFFRAGE ADDRESS TODAY

Representative Taylor, of Colorado,
Will Speak at Noon to Democratic
Members of Assembly.

Edward T. Taylor, Representative in
Congress from Colorado and member
of the national Democratic congress-
ional committee, will address today
at the noon hour a joint session of the
Democratic members of the General
Assembly, in the interest of the sur-
frage amendment to the Federal Con-
stitution.

Mr. Taylor was to have delivered
his address last night in the hall of
the House of Delegates, but two com-
mittee meetings and the De Valera
meeting at the City Auditorium kept
away from the hall so many of the
members that it was decided to post-
pone the address.

Many of the women who have been
working here since the Legislature
convened in the interest of the amend-
ment were on hand last night to wel-
come Mr. Taylor and his efforts in
their behalf.

Duke of Richmond Dead

ARCHANGEL, August 26.—Lord Set-
trington, son of the Earl of March, and
a search had been made for him. As
he was in bad health it is thought he
was overtaken by a sudden illness.